

The Life of Ralph Sippel



Services for Ralph Sippel, 90, of Groton will be 10 a.m., Monday, April 10 at Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton. Rev. Bill Duncan will officiate. Burial with military honors will follow at Augustana Lutheran Cemetery.

Visitation will be held for one hour prior to services on Monday.

Ralph passed away April 6, 2017 at Groton Care and Rehabilitation Center.

Ralph Ruben Sippel was born on April 18, 1926, to Albert J. and Bertha (Johnson) Sippel in Groton. He attended school in Riverside Township and graduated from Groton High School in 1944. Ralph farmed with his father and brothers. He served in the US Army from October of 1950 until his honorable discharge in October of 1952. In 1958 he brought in the first Charolais cattle and continued raising this type of livestock until 1978.

He was a member of the Augustana Lutheran Church. He was also a member of the Claremont Sportsman Club, the Claremont Legion, and served in the U.S. Army.

Ralph enjoyed buying gifts for his many great nieces and nephews, hunting, fishing, collecting coins, and having coffee with friends both in Claremont and Groton.

Survivors include his brother, Emery Sippel of Groton, sister-in-law, Hilda Sippel of Groton, nephews, Marc (Fanne) Sippel and Monte (Sandi) Sippel of Groton; nieces, Meri (John) Erickson, Marjae (Dan) Schinkel, Mendy (Jim) Jones, and Melissa (Neil) Gilbert, all of Groton, 17 great nieces and nephews, and 2 great-great nieces.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Lester and Arnold, sister, Edith, infant sister, Irene, brother-in-law, Frank Hughes, and sister-in-law, Marlys Sippel.